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FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5618

INFO AMCONSUL MERIDA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ADMIN: CVIS MEX

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF MERIDA'S IV WORKLOAD TO MEXICO

ATTN: VO

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1. EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 1975, THE EMBASSY WISHES TO ASSUME JURISDICTION FOR IMMIGRANT VISA WORK NOW PERFORMED BY THE CONSULATE AT MERIDA.

2. AS THE DEPARTMENT KNOWS MERIDA'S IV WORKLOAD IS 400

CASES PER YEAR. SINCE ALMOST ALL OF MERIDA'S APPLICANTS ARE IN THE UNITED STATES WHEN INVITED TO APPEAR FOR THEIR FORMAL APPLICATION, THERE WOULD BE NO INCONVENIENCE TO THOSE APPLICANTS IF THEY APPLIED FOR THEIR VISAS AT THE EMBASSY.

3. THE EMBASSY'S IV SUB-UNIT COULD ABSORB THE WORKLOAD INCREASE WITH PRESENT PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES.

4. ON THE OTHER HAND, MERIDA HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COPE EFFECTIVELY WITH INCREASING WORKLOADS IN IVS AND PROTECTION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS WITHOUT EITHER AN ADDITIONAL LOCAL EMPLOYEE OR WORKLOAD RELIEF.

5. THE EMBASSY AND CONSULATE AGREE THAT SUCH RELIEF WOULD BE PROVIDED BY SHIFTING MERIDA'S IV WORKLOAD TO THE EMBASSY, THUS
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RELEASING APPROXIMATELY 262 OFFICER AND 1,357 LOCAL CONSULATE

EMPLOYEE MAN-HOURS TO PERFORM NIV AND PROTECTION WORK.

6. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S EXPEDITIOUS
CONCURRENCE WITH THIS PROPOSAL.
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